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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF :
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
TERRI LEE JOHNSON, R.N., : LS0210047NUR
RESPONDENT. :

00 NUR 263

The parties to this action for the purposes of § 227.53, Wis. Stats., are:

Terri Lee Johnson
793 Highway 51 East
Stoughton, WI 53589

Wisconsin Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Terri Lee Johnson (dob: 08/18/56) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a registered nurse licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license # 77186 . This license was first granted August 29, 1980.

2. On at least five occasions between August 7, 2000, and September 14, 2000, and while employed as a registered nurse at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, Wisconsin, Respondent diverted the controlled substance, fentanyl, from the automated drug dispensing machine at her place of employment for her personal use.

3. Following an evaluation March 21, 2001 at the Dane County Drug Court Treatment Program, Respondent was diagnosed with cocaine dependence, opioid dependence and alcohol dependence. Treatment was recommended.

4. Respondent has been the subject of previous discipline by the Board of Nursing. In case 92 NUR 052 Respondent's license was suspended due to her use of alcohol and other drugs. Full licensure was returned in July, 1996. In case 99 NUR 146 Respondent was reprimanded for medication administration errors related to hydrocodone. In case 00 NUR 263 Respondent's license was suspended due to her diversion of the controlled substance, fentanyl, from the automated drug dispensing machine at her place of employment for her personal use, and her cocaine, opioid and alcohol dependence. In November, 2001, the Board denied a request for stay of suspension in view of Respondent's non-compliance with the Board order.

5. In March, 2002, and while her nursing license was suspended, Respondent worked as a registered nurse in home care for a ventilator dependent patient. Respondent was questioned concerning the disappearance of 21 methadone tablets, but denies taking them.

6. On June 6, 2002, Respondent was convicted in Dane County Circuit Court case 01 CF 1432, of the felony of obtaining the controlled substance, Vicodin ES®, by fraud.

7. Respondent tenders the voluntary revocation of her license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described above, TERRI LEE JOHNSON is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 441.07(1)(b), (c) and (d), 961.43(1) and Wis. Adm. Code sec. N 7.04(1), (2) and (15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The stipulation of the parties is accepted.
2. The license of TERRI LEE JOHNSON to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Wisconsin is REVOKED.
3. In the event Respondent shall ever re-apply for a license to practice as a nurse in the state of Wisconsin, she shall, in addition to all other requirements for licensure, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board of Nursing that she can safely and reliably perform nursing functions.

4. Respondent shall be responsible for payment of COSTS to the Department of Regulation and Licensing in the sum of \$ 200.00 within 60 days of the date of this Order.

5. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING

By: Linda Sanner

10-04-02

Board Chair

Date